

Birnham Woods Elementary PTO Meeting  
January 12, 2023  
PTO Room

**Present:**

**Stephanie Christian, Vice President**  
**Cecy Camacho, VP of Hospitality**  
**Christie McQueen, Spirit Night Coordinator**  
**Jennifer Mathewson, Volunteer Coordinator**  
**Jessica McCarty, VP of Fundraising**  
**Krissi Famolaro, Parliamentarian**  
**Kristen Michael, Treasurer**  
**Larisa Grensted, Secretary/Communications**  
**Shanna Myers, VP of Sponsorship**  
**Stacy VanDuivendyk, Hospitality Co-Chair**

**Participants:** Dr. Mikia Barnes, Molly Shearer, Jaimie Stitzel, Brittany Haddad, Ima Vayada, Judy Schechter, Christine Hernandez

**I. Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by BWE PTO Vice President Stephanie Christian.**

**II. Treasurer's Report/Daddy Daughter Dance - Kristen Michael, Treasurer**

- a. Cash Report.
  - i. Beginning Cash Balance: \$77,972.89
  - ii. Income: \$0.00
  - iii. Expenses: \$4,281.73
  - iv. Ending Cash Balance: \$73,691.16
  - v. *Krissi Famolaro motioned to approve cash report. Seconded by Stephanie Christian. Cash report approved.*
- b. Need vote to add line item for student gift for \$500.
  - i. *Jessica McCarty motioned to approve new budget line of \$500. Seconded by Cecy Camacho. New budget line approved.*
- c. Daddy Daughter Dance. Theme is "Groovy." VW bug will be there to take pictures in.
  - i. Currently have sold 138 student and 120 adult tickets, totaling \$1980. Deadline is Tuesday the 24th at midnight. Wednesday and Thursday, we will organize tickets and receipts.
  - ii. Cash and Cheddar Up will be taken at the door. Pre-registration table will be inside where they get their wrist band and goody bag.

Paying at the door will be outside. Food trucks outside at 5 p.m.  
Exciting door prizes, to include an American Girl Doll.

**III. Class shirts - Krissi Famolaro, Parliamentarian**

- a. Class shirts are ordered. Every grade level and every class will have a different color. Back has grade level and graphics. We've had many new students and a few staff, so will need to place an extra order.
- b. Gray shirt offered to parents for field trips, etc. so kids know who they can find if they need something. Will keep the same graphic every year so adult shirts can be reused. Not a fundraiser. Sponsors on back.

**IV. General - Stephanie Christian, Vice President**

- a. Upcoming dates.
  - i. Feb. 2 - 2nd grade program
  - ii. Mar. 2 - 1st grade program
  - iii. Mar. 4 - Spring carnival
  - iv. Apr. 13 - PreK program
  - v. May 19 - Kindergarten Crossover
  - vi. Bulldog store. Jan 18-19, Feb 22-23, Mar 29-30, April 26-27.  
Students earn Bulldog tokens. Cash not accepted at Bulldog stores.
- b. Valentine's
  - i. Spirit sticks will have a Valentine's sale.
  - ii. Need ideas for Valentine's Grams.

**V. Spirit Night Updates - Christie McQueen, Spirit Night Coordinator**

- a. Upcoming Dates
  - i. Jan. 18 MOD Pizza
  - ii. Jan. 30 Woodson's
  - iii. Feb. 4 World Champions Centre (early Valentine's date)
  - iv. Feb. 10 Chick Fil A nugget tray pick up (sale will be beforehand)
  - v. Feb. 21 - New Caney Gringo's (waiting for approval)
  - vi. Mar. 4 - Spring Carnival (Event)
  - vii. Mar. 9 Crust Pizza
  - viii. Mar. 28 Spring Creek BBQ
  - ix. Apr. 11 Chick Fil A
  - x. Apr. 14 Mother's event - Rustic Brush
  - xi. Apr. 25 Chipotle/Handel's
  - xii. May 9 Jax Burgers
  - xiii. May 12 Mother's Day cake sale pick up, HEB (decorate your own)
  - xiv. May 25 - Great American Cookie/Marble Slab and Main Event

- b. Goal is to have two restaurants a month and one activity.

**VI. Fundraising - Jessica McCarty, VP of Fundraising**

- a. Library renovations. Everything is purchased and coming next month. New furniture. Want to do it all in one day so there is a big reveal for the kids.
- b. Penny Wars. Starts at the end of this month. Jugs will be set out for every grade level. Pennies are positive points, silver coins are negative points. Kids will have one week to build up grade level or sabotage other grade levels. Winning grade level will get extra recess and snow cone party. Low cost event that brings in lots of return. Last week of Jan/first week of Feb.
- c. Carnival. Mar 4th, 2-6 p.m. Need a lot of help. Big family event. Car show, but no vendors this time. Juggler, Premier Martial Arts demonstrations.
- d. Silent Auction. End of April. Has gotten so big, we are separating it from the carnival this year. Online auction with incorporated parent social event. HOA is hosting catered event at the clubhouse. Auction would end ONLINE at this event. Lots of items would be highlighted there. Advertise as parents night out/no kids.

**VII. Hospitality/Yearbook Updates - Cecy Camacho, VP of Hospitality**

- a. December was really busy. Catered lunch from Lasagna House. Gave fleece jackets. Celebrated December birthdays. Cookie exchange.
  - i. Thank you for donations!
- b. January birthdays. Treat for teachers TBD.
- c. Yearbooks are still on sale. Shared how to upload multiple photos on [treering.com](http://treering.com). Share your pictures! We will make a video and share on Facebook and Bulldog Blast for parents and teachers. Everybody has a 2-page spread that is individualized for your child. Ads are still separate and will be seen by everybody.

**VIII. General - Dr. Barnes**

- a. District news.
  - i. 12 students placed in the western art show for Rodeo. District chooses winners. Their artwork is displayed. Hoping to get the art back digitally to be put in the Bulldog Blast.
  - ii. Apr. 15th, Pre-k registration at Wilkinson Elementary. District-wide.
  - iii. Looking for teachers for CISD. Registration opens Mar. 8th. Job fair is Apr. 1st. Hines Elementary is opening in August, down Lexington, across 99. Teacher movement will likely take place from all surrounding schools.

- iv. Intermediate School boundaries revised 23-24. Legends Run and Legends Trace will be affected, but neither of those communities feed into BWE.
- v. Bond committee work begins in February. Looking at more schools. Idea hopes to be done by May. In August, the board can call for November bond election. For example, GOHS was \$150M, today it would be \$260M (inflation). Jan. 17th is the next board meeting. Will approve attendance zones for Hines and instructional calendar for 23-24.
- b. Campus news. Current enrollment is 1000 on the nose.
  - i. 29 early development, 23 Pre-k, 176 kindergarten, 182 1st, 189 2nd, 197 3rd, 204 4th. New 4th grade teacher.
  - ii. Pre-k aide and RTI aide open. Para professional positions are not compensationally competitive to other careers, so we see turnover.
  - iii. New hires. Ms. Whitfield computer aid in library. Ms. Dunn pre-k aide (furlow/ chiu). Biddle 4th grade. PE aid Ms. Owens.
  - iv. Will be a polling site May 6th.
  - v. Spring field trips being finalized. Trying to find places in cost range.
  - vi. GT testing Jan. 31-Feb. 3 for 2nd graders.
  - vii. MLK holiday Jan. 16.
  - viii. 100th day of school Jan. 26th. Kinder will have 100 day parade at 8:30 a.m.
  - ix. Field day, Apr. 5-6. PE teachers are breaking it apart so the kids have more time on the field, and 4th grade activities will be more age appropriate versus Pre-k, etc.

**IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.**